

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Mckeown on 6/18/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- At the last line of the claim 15, "instruction." Has been changed to - - instruction, and wherein the control signal for controlling the parking brake state is transmitted to the electric parking brake mechanism on the basis of indicating that a starter of an engine is rendered to be non-connected state and detecting that the switch for the power source is changed to be non-operative state when the braking pedal is stepped on or the braking force instruction is received, and the lock mechanism is actuated on the basis of the control signal. - -
- Claims 16-30 have been **CANCELLED**.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES K. HSIAO whose telephone number is

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